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STATEMENT ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The record as a whole makes the reasons for allowance clear. Thus, a statement on reasons for allowance is unnecessary, 37 C.F.R. §104. The "Reasons for Allowance" might thus misleadingly summarize the record as a whole. For example, only parts of the independent claims have been mentioned in the reasons, as though those parts themselves sum up the invention when it is axiomatic that the claim as a whole defines the patentable subject matter. Additionally, the language of Claim 13 referred to in the reasons for allowance has been paraphrased. Applicant wishes to emphasize that the language of the claim, not the examiner's paraphrased version of it, controls. The same is true of Claim 21.

Furthermore, the examiner has made comments regarding what various documents disclose. While Applicant and examiner are in full agreement that the claims are patentable, Applicant has not verified the accuracy of the characterizations of these document that are set forth in the reasons for allowance.

It is of course true that a dependent claim of an allowable independent claim is itself allowable regardless of its limitations. It is not true that this means that the limitations of the dependent claims themselves do not impart further patentability, which they do. Since the record as a whole makes clear why the dependent claims are further patentable, the record must be read to indicate the patentability of the dependent claims not just by virtue of their dependency on an allowable independent claim but additionally by virtue of their own limitations.

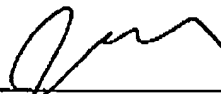
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